

**Lincoln, Nebraska
January 24, 2005**

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT TASK FORCE
*MEETING MINUTES***

The Substance Abuse Treatment Task Force (SATTF) met Monday, January, 24, 2005, in Lower Level Conference Room F, of the Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Members Present:

John Atheron, Certified Professional Counselor
Janet Bancroft, State Supreme Court
Jerome Barry, Bryan LGH Medical Center West
Ellen Brokofsky, Probation District #5
John Dacey, Transitions Recovery
Kathleen Dolezal, Governor's Policy Research Office
Roxie Cillessen, NE Health & Human Services
Frank Goodroe, State Court Administrator, Supreme Court
Linda Krutz, Chief, Community Corrections Council
Mona McGee-Snyder, Licensed Mental Health Practitioner
Jim McKenzie, Department of Correctional Services
Julie A. Okay, Community Corrections Council
Hank Robinson, Juvenile Justice Institute
Julie L. Rogers, Community Corrections Council
Steve Rowoldt, Probation District #6
Kathy Seacrest, Chair, Region II Human Services
Ron Sorensen, HHSS, Office of Mental Health Substance Abuse & Addiction Services
Dan Sturges, Nebraska Psychologist Association
Cameron S. White, Department of Correctional Services
Linda Wittmuss, HHSS, Office of Mental Health Substance Abuse & Addiction Services

CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Chairperson Seacrest called the meeting to order and introductions were made. Attendance is indicated above. In lieu of Allen Curtis's retirement, Interim Director Mike Overton would be asked to fill in.

UPDATE ON PRESENTATION TO COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS COUNCIL

Chairperson Seacrest, and Community Corrections Council Director, Linda Krutz, gave a quick review of the presentation that was made to the Community Corrections Council. It is noted that the Task Force will be under the auspices of the Council. The Task Force will continue to operate on its own, independent of the Council. The Council will provide support for the Task Force.

CURRENT STATUS OF TASK FORCE

Chairperson Seacrest recommended that the Task Force review the many recommendations that they made in order to decide how they want to proceed in the future.

Task Force member Ellen Brokofsky gave a quick overview of the work the Task Force has completed to date.

Task Force member Hank Robinson offered to provide a web based application that would collect data, provide reports and providers lists. He agreed to host the site until another agency would agree to take it over, the site could be available by April 1, 2005.

The Council recessed at 11:15 a.m. and reconvened at 11:30 a.m.

Linda Krutz Director of the Community Corrections Council explained the make-up of the Council's Offender Treatment Advisory Group. The Committee members are Council members Scot Adams, Catherine Cook, Aileen Gruendel, and Julie Hippen, Probation's Deb Minardi and Ron Sorensen from HHSS and Jim McKenzie from Parole.

The Task Force reviewed and made changes to the model in order to present the model to the Council.

Ellen Brokofsky made a motion to adopt the changes the Task Force discussed and take it forward to the Community Corrections Council for implementation. The motion was seconded by John Dacey. The Task Force voted and the motion passed.

CHANGES SINCE LAST MEETING

It was noted that Richard DeLiberty is the new Director of the Behavioral Services Division for HHSS, and that George Hanigan would no longer serve on the Task Force. Ron Sorensen and Linda Wittmuss have been asked to serve.

ASAM CRITERIA

Task Force Member Roxie Cillessen gave an update of ASAM, stating that the crosswalk has been done and there are service definitions for substance abuse services that have not been created yet. The task force will continue to discuss ASAM.

COURTS

Task Force member Frank Goodroe State Court Administrator clarified and updated the Task Force on the Supreme Court issue concerning the standardized model. The Supreme Court did not suspend the model. Goodroe mentioned that he and Task Force member Janet Bankroft, were going to meet with the Chief Justice and District Judges John Icenogle, and Karen Flowers, on Tuesday, January 25, 2005.

CORRECTIONS

It was noted that Dr. Bill Schnackenberg has resigned from the Department of Correctional Services and any future information should be sent to Dr. Randy Kohl.

NAMING THIS GROUP

Chairperson Seacrest mentioned the need for a name change and that members should be thinking of something with justice in the title. Members were encouraged to email suggestions and a decision would be made at the next meeting.

REPORTING PROCESS

Linda Krutz, Director Community Corrections Council, explained to the Task Force that they are to report directly to the Council.

LEADERSHIP

Chairperson Seacrest mentioned the need to elect new leadership. She will remain on the Task Force, but within the next few months the members will have to elect new leadership.

NEXT STEPS

Chairperson Kathy Seacrest, and members Ellen Brokofsky, and Hank Robinson will go to the Community Corrections Council meeting on Friday February 18, 2005 to present the updated assessment criteria.

CONCLUDING REMARKS & ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

The next meeting of the Task Force will be held Wednesday, March 16, 2005, 10:00 a.m., at Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska in conference room lower level F.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Okray